



Date: February 11, 2005
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2005
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Richard L. Miller, Chair
Bradley Whyte, Vice Chair
Mike Malbon
Mike Reed
Harry Hutton
Holly Carpenter
Peter Hogenson
David Calhoun

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD
Sue Prell, Sergeant, Marine Patrol
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint
Christine Sanburg, Supt., Beach Maint.
Avonne Gravel, Admin. Analyst, 3rd Dist.
Robert Shaw, Community Development
Greg Carpenter, Advance Planning

Commissioners Absent

Randy Crawford

Guests

Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Duncan Milne, Access to Sailing
Peter Martineau, Access to Sailing
Karl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Don Bentley, boatowner
Bea Bea Jimenez, Lennar
Mark C. Jennings, Lennar
Bob Garrison, Lennar
Rick Davis, Davis Group
Alan Brenner

Chairman Miller convened the meeting at 2:35 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff, and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The January 20, 2005, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Garrison gave a presentation on the City's joint venture with Takisan to develop the property on the corner of PCH and Marina Drive (Seaport Marina Hotel). As a result of focus group meetings and polling that was done, the conclusion was made that the area is an eyesore. A mixed-use development/community in the area is being considered. Mixed use retail (125,000 square foot) with residential (400 "for sale" homes). The project, a two level retail and residential living complex with a view corridor of the water (Alamitos Bay) from PCH and Westminster, will provide for all parking to be centered within the property.

Mark Sandoval explained that the project is in the beginning stages, and that this would not be the last time it would come before the MAC. He explained that the presentors are looking for support for the project from the MAC and boatowners. They would also like input from the MAC and boatowners as to how this project might affect them. Mark Sandoval remarked that one of the problems for the marina is that businesses Marina Shores instruct their employees to park in the marina lots.

- Duncan Milne and Peter Martineau of Access to Sailing addressed the MAC and said that they are asking to be allowed to add and remove boats without going through the Marine Bureau for approval. They are also asking for more slips, a set location for their slips so that they don't have to move them for special events, more parking passes, official approval of the existing slips they now have, five more dry storage spaces, classroom space, and space for donated vehicles/RVs and trailerable boats.

Mark Sandoval reported that Access to Sailing now has 330 feet of slip space in RBH, one 30-foot slip in LBSM, and four 30-foot slips in ABM. He noted that the Marine Bureau is now waiving fees for revenue generating space, i.e., 540 feet of slip space equaling \$58,320 per year, and dry storage space equaling \$4,500 per year. He stated that he did not want to lock-in any particular slips in a permanent agreement. He said he was fine with going before the City Council for approval of the current amount of space now used by the organization, but that the Marine Bureau needs to maintain control of which slips they are issued.

Chairman Miller asked about insurance requirements for their organization; how long they are required to hold on to vessels before they can sell them; and, stated that the condition of the vessels was a concern.

Peter Martineau responded that their organization has two million dollars of liability Insurance; they are a tax exempt organization and do not have to hold on to the vessels for any certain length of time before selling them; and, that they have a contract with Cal State Long Beach whereby students maintain the vessels (i.e., clean vessels twice a week) in return for being allowed to use them.

Chairman Miller explained to Mr. Milne that the slips given to his organization must be under direct control of the Marine Bureau.

Commissioner Hutton was concerned about accommodating five additional dry storage spots and the revenue that would be lost through donation to a non-profit organization.

Commissioner Malbon was concerned about the impact of the proforma in gratis slips on the new marina.

Mark Sandoval responded that \$5,800 in fees is now waived annually, but that there would be no new negative impact.

Commissioner Malbon asked what would the potential impact be if all the ADA slips were given to non-paying organizations in the newly rebuilt marina.

Mark Sandoval responded that it could be a big problem, but that the Bureau would not give away all of the ADA slips to non-paying organizations.

It was moved by Commissioner Hogensen and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC approve the proposal by the Marine Bureau to ask the City Council to approve the use of 540 feet of slip space for use by Access to Sailing, with the Marine Bureau dictating where the slip space will be located. The motion passed unanimously.

- Alan Brenner addressed the MAC regarding reinstatement of his temporary assignment permit, cancelled for non-payment/non-renewal. Mr. Brenner said that he did not read the contract he signed with the City. He stated that he called the office over the weekend (last weekend in January) and was told by staff that he needed to contact the permit agent on Monday about renewing his temporary permit, which was to expire on Tuesday. Mr. Brenner did not contact the permit agent on Monday regarding extending his temporary stay, stating that he was at the hospital with his father.

Mark Sandoval remarked that the temporary permit states that if the boatowner wants an extension, they must renew and make pre-payment before the next three-month period begins.

A discussion was held and the MAC's recommendation was for the Marine Bureau to allow Mr. Brenner another extension, and to give the Manager of the Marine Bureau the support to do what he needs to do to make the program run effectively.

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of January.

- Mark Sandoval said that he would be changing the third page of the monthly "Ins and Outs" report in order to make it clearer and more user friendly.
- At this time the Bureau is \$180,000 below budget, due to the attrition program. An aggressive Temporary Authorization (TA) program has been implemented to fill slips. However, the TA program is creating its own set of problems, i.e., rules not being followed.
- The rebuild process has started in LBSM on gangways B and Y.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of January.

- The dredge vessel has been determined to be unseaworthy, has been hauled out, and is now up for auction. Also, the "Grunt" workboat has been in dry dock for the last several months and is being refurbished. Hence a number of normal responsibilities are being impacted. Maintenance has used the "Sea Mule" at \$250 per hour (4 hour minimum), a very expensive option.
- The Federal Government prohibits the trimming of any tree in which the nesting of federally protected birds is taking place. Maintenance is working with a professional ornithologist group, a marine biologist, and the Audubon Society to determine any evidence of nesting activity. Maintenance is not constrained from trimming trees when birds are merely occupying trees.

Jeff Edwards commented that Joe Segura of the Press Telegram has done an excellent job of accurately reporting the tree trimming process and its effect on the nesting activity of Federally protected birds.

- Commissioner Whyte asked when the electrical panel that was recently delivered on G-dock would be installed.

Jeff Edwards responded that it should be installed rather quickly.

- Commissioner Hogensen asked when the Peninsula sand movement would begin.

Chris Sanburg responded that it would begin on Monday.

Marine Safety Report

Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of January.

- Lifeguards responded to a double fatality at the Haines power plant. An 84 year-old woman who became disoriented, drove her vehicle into the plant and then into a canal with 15 feet of water. Her vehicle drifted 150 feet down stream before it was recovered. It took Lifeguards three days to find the second victim.
- The Lifeguard Swiftwater Rescue Team rescued a man who fell into the LA River. A Lifeguard rode the river from Del Amo to Wardlow to affect the rescue.
- The City of Long Beach has an automatic aid agreement with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) by which OCFA will respond with a helicopter and fire truck/ladder for emergency situations occurring in Long Beach. Sunday morning, OC Harbor Patrol was first on-scene to a flipped vessel that hit the rocks outside of Anaheim Bay, with four people on board. Unfortunately, OC Harbor Patrol Officers no longer go into the water; hence, they tossed the injured victims life jackets and waited for Long Beach Lifeguards to arrive. Lifeguards arrived and along with LBFD paramedics went into the water to save the seriously injured victims. One of the victims was discovered under the vessel and was pronounced dead at the scene.
- The Marine Safety Division is moving forward with the building of a new rescue boat.
- The Lifeguard examination will be held March 20, 2005.
- A Maritime disaster training drill involving Long Beach Fire/Marine Safety/Police, Federal agencies, and the Coast Guard will be held on March 3, 2005, at 9 a.m.

Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Prell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of January.

- The Marine Patrol Division is down only one officer.

Executive MAC

- All items discussed

Operations Committee

- Chairman Miller stated that after the rebuild of LBSM, dock configurations will be different than they are now. It was determined that the fairest way to decide which boatowner will get which slip after the rebuild is to base it on boatowner seniority on the dock.

Finance Committee

- Mark Sandoval reported on Marina finances, expenditures and revenues. He reported that parking revenues and slip revenues are down.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on Facilities Committee issues:

- The Bike Path by the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier is finished.
- Jeff Edwards explained that the Federal channel (by the Catalina Terminal) silted-in on January 10, 2005, during the storm, and that the situation is being treated as an urgent project. Funding is available, but core samples must first be taken. Dredging is to start March 30 and continue till April 30, 2005. 400,000 cubic meters is to be dredged. The question is where to put dredge material.
- Commissioner Reed reported that Public Works will begin using the work schedule form more consistently.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting is set for March 10, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk